



BRAND-NEW PILOTS . . . The first woman and the first cadet in the South Bay area of the Civil Air Patrol to receive their pilot's licenses look over maps in preparation for a flight. The pair—W/O Patricia Weaver and 2nd Lt. Gene McDonald—are both members of South Bay Squadron 43, Long Beach Group 7.

First Woman, First Cadet to Get Pilot's Licenses Honored by CAP

Honored during a ceremony commemorating the National Observance of Civil Air Patrol Week, were the first woman and the first cadet in the South Bay area to become rated Civil Air Patrol Pilots.

Earning the right to wear the wings of CAP, an official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, were Warrant Officer Patricia Weaver and Cadet 2nd Lt. Gene McDonald of South Bay Squadron 43, Long Beach Group 7.

Housewife
Until her association with the local CAP unit, Mrs. Weaver had delegated her experience in flying into the background to fulfill the role of a mother and housewife. As a teenager, she began flying with a friend in the family at the old Los Angeles Municipal Airport.

During the suspension of private flying in World War II, she married an Air Force liaison pilot and accompanied him to a base in Florida until she reached the age requirements for enlistment in the Women's Air Force service pilots program.

Mrs. Weaver was attached to the Air Transport Command ferrying all types of aircraft from liaison and pursuit planes to multi-engine bombers. She remained in the service until the program was deactivated in December, 1944, and then started her career as a housewife and mother.

John Husband
Her husband, 2nd Lt. Richard Weaver, is also a member of Civil Air Patrol attached to Long Beach Group 7 as Director of Operations. W/O Weaver serves as fiscal officer for her unit, South Bay Squadron 43. The Weavers, with daughter Susan, 10, and son Rickey, 2, reside at 3840 Via Palamino, Palos Verdes Estates.

"I have Civil Air Patrol to thank for my renewed incentive to continue flying, and I think it's wonderful that its cadet program is able to give aviation-minded youth a supervised start," said Mrs. Weaver who will continue her CAP training in order to achieve her search pilot's rating.

Youth Gets License
An example of teenage interest in flying helped by the Civil Air Patrol cadet program is Cadet 2nd Lt. Gene McDonald, who recently received his private pilot's license and became the local squadron's first rated cadet pilot.

Although Civil Air Patrol does not teach youngsters to fly, the aviation instruction and background available increased his ambition to achieve a boyhood desire to fly. Gene became a CAP cadet in March, 1954, and by working throughout the summer earned enough money to solo. By continuing part-time employment during the school year, he managed to keep up his flying through a private flying school, and earned his license in August, 1955.

'Operation Santa Claus' Seven Collection Areas Told for Toy Campaign

There will be seven collection depots in the Torrance area for the deposit of toys for needy children in the Moose "Operation Santa Claus" campaign to make this a "Toyful" Christmas for all boys and girls in this area.

Collection containers will be placed at the following locations, with the cooperation of the merchants concerned, according to Richard Hobbs, chairman of the Torrance Moose civic affairs committee. Jenkins Bakery, 2414 Narbonne; National Home Appliance, 1267 Sartori; J. J. Newberry 5 and 10, 1275 Sartori; Torrance Hardware, 1513 Cabrillo; Le Roy Cleaners, 2060 W. Carson; Niles Cafe, Carson & Western; Jim Dandy Markets, Crenshaw & Torrance Blvds.

The Torrance Moose Lodge is cooperating with all Moose lodges in the United States, Canada, and Alaska in this "Toys For Needy Children" campaign. It is not necessary that all toys be new, but in the case of used toys, they must be undamaged and in workable and presentable condition.

"We regret that time will not permit the repair or rejuvenation of used toys," said chairman Hobbs. "So therefore the used toys donated must be in good condition." Hobbs said.

To Deliver Toys
The Moose committee will obtain a list of needy children in this area, whether they reside in their own homes, in orphanages or hospitals, from local welfare agencies and officials. Then on Christmas Eve, the Moose will deliver all the toys collected. All residents of the Torrance area are urged to help make this campaign a huge success.

Dave Garraway, popular National Broadcasting Company radio and television star, is cooperating with the Moose in this drive. Watch for "Dave's," "Today" show which is publicizing this campaign at the present time. Consult local papers for time and station. His support is being given to the Moose.

Azalea Will Help Brighten Yule Home

For a bright floral note indoors during the Christmas season you can enjoy the gorgeous blooms of the Azalea. Impossible, you say? It isn't their season!

But, says the California Association of Nurserymen, you can obtain container-grown Azaleas throughout the holiday season.

port last year on "Today" is credited by the Moose as an important reason for the success of the 1954 "Operation Santa Claus."

All the Members of the Torrance Moose lodge and Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, are working together on this campaign to provide a "Toyful" Christmas for all needy children.

days to decorate your home and to present as gifts for your gardening friends. A series of the Rhododendron genus, the Azalea grows in evergreen and deciduous form, blooming in every shade of red and pink with white overtones and shadings of coral and salmon.

Nurserymen prepare Azalea plants now in attractive containers. The plants can be kept in these containers during their stay indoors and after Christmas — during suitable planting weather, set outdoors. Among the favorite Azalea varieties in the evergreen class are the Rutherfordians, the Indicas and Kurumes. Deciduous Azaleas are less widely grown but they are becoming more available and familiar. In this category is the American native R. occidentale. Other Azalea classes are the evergreen-deciduous class and the hybrid class.

City Paint Foreman Home From Hospital

L. L. Crunk, 54, paint foreman for the city for the past 11 years, has returned to his home at 2718 W. Carson St. following confinement at Gardena Hospital for the past three weeks.

He will probably be confined to his home for about three additional weeks before being allowed to return to his post with the city, his physician informed him.

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Federal Savings & Loan Seeks to Open This Month

Organizers of the proposed Federal Savings & Loan Assn. for the Torrance-Palos Verdes Peninsula area this week expect to pass the required amount of deposit pledges, and continue on to give local residents a home loan institution in keeping with the size and wealth of the area, according to Irvin C. Marchand, who will be the association's manager.

Members of the organizing committee, all of whom are accepting pledges, are oil company geologist Manley L. Natland, architect Roscoe L. Wood, civic leader Mrs. Grant Beckstrand, canery executive Nicholas F. Trutanic, and aircraft controller John B. Cogan.

The institution, with modern quarters next to the post office in the heart of Torrance, will be chartered for the Torrance, Lomita, Waverly, Hollywood Hills, Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills areas.

Depositors are the sole owners of this type of federally supervised association, Marchand said, so residents and businessmen have the opportunity to help establish their own institution with their deposit pledges. Each depositor's account will be insured up to \$10,000 by the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp., an instrumentality of the federal government, Marchand said.



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